

103^D CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 2437

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to extend, improve, increase flexibility, and increase conservation benefits of the conservation reserve program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 14 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 12), 1994

Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Conservation Reserve
5 Program Extension Act of 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF CONSERVATION RESERVE**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 Chapter 1 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Secu-
4 rity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3830 et seq.) is amended by
5 striking “1995” each place it appears in section 1230(a),
6 subsections (a), (b)(3), and (d) of section 1231, and sec-
7 tion 1232(c) and inserting “2005”.

8 **SEC. 3. CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING THE ACCEPTABILITY**
9 **OF CONTRACT OFFERS.**

10 Paragraph (3) of section 1234(c) of the Food Secu-
11 rity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3834(c)(3)) is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 “(3) In determining the acceptability of contract of-
14 fers, the Secretary shall, to the extent practicable—

15 “(A) consider the extent that enrollment of the
16 land that is the subject of the contract offer would
17 provide environmental benefits, using criteria that,
18 as determined by the Secretary, give equal weight to
19 improvement of soil quality, improvement of water
20 quality, and improvement of wildlife habitat; and

21 “(B) establish different criteria in various
22 States and regions of the United States if, as deter-
23 mined by the Secretary, the establishment of dif-
24 ferent criteria would improve water quality or wild-
25 life habitat or abate erosion.”.